





# Making Connections

Developing Textbook Affordability Initiatives Across Multiple Campuses



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# Textbook Affordability Initiatives in Libraries

- Libraries are heavily involved with textbook affordability initiatives in higher education
- Textbook affordability initiatives may include providing library resources, stipend/grant programs for faculty, supporting use of OER, and/or supporting creation/adaptation of OER.
- Library resources may include multi-user e-books, streaming video, articles, course reserves, and more.

# University Library Advisory Council (ULAC)

- Group is led by library directors from the UNC System campuses
- Similar group to the North Carolina Community College Library Association Directors Group
- Educational Resources Affordability Committee
  - Group that kickstarted OER and textbook affordability initiatives

# ULAC Textbook Affordability Initiatives

- Information sessions and Open Textbook Network (OTN) workshops at NCSU
- OTN membership for UNC System schools
- OTN Summer Institute and Summit (6 librarians attended)
- OER trainings on UNC campuses
- Funds for OER book reviews
- Collaborate with NC LIVE's Open Education North Carolina

# Trends

- Local and statewide OER programs, like OENC
- State mandates on textbook affordability or OER
- Use of non- “open” sources or library resources that result in low-cost/no-cost courses
- OER/Affordability committees (and involvement with Student Government)
- Inclusive access from commercial textbook publishers

# Customizing to Campus Needs

- UNCSA
- UNC Chapel Hill
- ECU